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The Ground below the masonry retaining wall of the above, abutting on the Queen's Road.

Annual Crown rent, \$390.48.

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Annual Crown rent, \$324.

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Annual Crown rent, \$79.78.

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Annual Crown rent, \$25.

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Reduced Annual Crown rent, \$10.

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LOTS No. 6 AND No. 27 in the Foreign Settlement.

No. 6 is situated on the Bund, and comprises an eight-roomed Dwelling House, detached, with Garden all round, Offices, Godowns, Servants' Quarters and Outhouses. Area 1,064 Tanbos of 36 square feet.

Annual Ground rent, \$263.79.

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Ground rent, \$164.97 per annum.

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J. WHITTALL,

T. G. LINSTEAD,

Trustees A. Heard & Co.'s Estate,

23, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 1, 1876. my1

SAYLE & Co. have opened

their first delivery of New Goods for the coming Season, to which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-made Costumes in a variety of Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambric, White Brilliant and Muslin.

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Also,

A fresh supply of the "Little Wanzler" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & Co.,

VICTORIA EXCHANGE,

Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procuration.

A. MACG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-partnership from the First day of January, 1876, in the Business of Shipbrokers at this Port, under the style of MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings, Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have Established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanol. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procuration in Tongkin.

LANDSTEIN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1875.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day Established myself as

GENERAL COMMISSION AGENT

at the Ports of Takow and Taiwan.

P. F. DA SILVA.

Yokohama, April 1, 1876. my1

Intimations.

NOTICE.

GEORGE BARTY FALCONER,

Deceased.

PURSUANT to the Statute 22 and 23

Victoria, Chapter 35, entitled "An

act to further amend the Law of Property

and to relieve Trustees," Notice is hereby

Given, that all CREDITORS and other

persons having any CLAIMS or DEMANDS

upon or against the Estate of

GEORGE BARTY FALCONER, late of Hong-

kong, China, deceased, Sole Partner in the

firm of GEORGE FALCONER & Co., of Hong-

kong aforesaid, Jewellers and Opticians,

who died on the 5th day of May, 1876, in-

testate, and of whose Estate and Effects,

Letters of Administration were granted by

the Principal Registry of Her Majesty's

Court of Probate in the month of June,

1876, to ISABELLA BROCHER FALCONER, of

Stonhaven, in the County of Kincardine,

Scotland, are hereby required to send in

the particulars in writing of such Claims or

Demands to Mr. JOHN THOMSON, Ad-

vocate, 75, Union Street, Aberdeen, on or

before the 30th day of April, 1876, at the

expiration of which time the said Admini-

stratrix will proceed to distribute the As-

sets of the said deceased amongst the parties

entitled thereto, having regard only to the

Debts, Claims, and Demands of which she

shall then have had Notice; and that she

will not be liable for the Assets or any part

thereof to any person whose Claim she

shall not then have had Notice.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1876.

ADAM THOMSON and KUSS,

Advocates, 75, Union Street, Aberdeen,

Agents for the said Administratrix.

Witness—William Masson. ap6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that all CRE-

DITORS and other Persons having

any CLAIMS or DEMANDS upon or

against the Estate of JOHN WOTHER-

SPON, late of Bangkok, in the Kingdom

of Siam, who died on the 6th day of July,

1871, and whose Will was duly proved in

the Probate Jurisdiction of the Supreme

Court of Hongkong by WILLIAM HENRY

BREKTON, of 20, Queen's Road, Hong-

kong, Solicitor, to whom Letters of Admini-

stration with the Will annexed were duly

granted by the said Court on the 10th day

of March, 1876, are hereby required to

SEND in writing the PARTICULARS of

their Claims or Demands to the said WILLIAM

HENRY BREKTON, on or before the

1st day of July next; and notice is hereby

also given, that at the expiration of the last

mentioned day the said WILLIAM HENRY

BREKTON will proceed to distribute the

Assets of the said JOHN WOTHERSPON

amongst the parties entitled thereto, having

regard to the Claims of which he has then

had notice; and that the said WILLIAM

HENRY BREKTON will not be liable for the

Assets or any part thereof so distributed to

any person whose Claims he has not

had notice at the time of the distribution.

Dated this 29th day of March, 1876.

W. H. BREKTON,

20, Queen's Road, Hongkong,

Solicitor. my11]

STAFFORDSHIRE FIRE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED, OF HANLEY.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £250,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-

ed Agents in Hongkong and Shanghai

for the above Company, are prepared to

issue Policies of Fire Insurance at current

rates.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

THE MERCHANTS' MARINE INSURANCE

COMPANY, LIMITED,

OF LONDON.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL, £500,000.

THE Undersigned, having been appoint-

ed Agents in Hongkong for the above

Company, are prepared to issue Policies of

Marine Insurance at current rates, payable

in London, India, Australia, New Zealand,

Straits, Mauritius, Java, Manila, China,

Japan, California, &c., &c.

ADAMSON, BELL & Co.

Hongkong, March 24, 1876.

NOTES.—By the Company's Articles of As-

sociation it is provided that, after pay-

ment to the shareholders of a dividend

of 10 per cent. per annum, one fourth

of the residue of profits will be retained

as a reserve fund, and the balance of

the profits shall be divided amongst the

shareholders in proportion to the amount

of their shares.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 28, 1876. ap28

A SPECIAL AGENT of the Company has

been Opened in LONDON, under the

Management of Mr. WALTER SCHMIDT,

at 3, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill.

By Order,

W. H. RAY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, March 28, 1876. ap28

A N INDIAN BUTLER or STEWARD,

a native of Penang, is desirous of an

Engagement either ashore or afloat. Has

ample references. Apply to this Office,

Hongkong, March 30, 1876.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

TENDERS OF SPECIE, Mexican Dollars

current in

SUPPLEMENT
TO THE
CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 3RD APRIL, 1876.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked *h.*, near the Kowloon shore *k.*, and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked *c.*, in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

- Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
 2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
 3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
 8. From Pier to East Point.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Captain.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers								
Cassandra	4 c	Langer	Ger. str.	947	Mar. 30	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Bangkok	
Esmeralda	5 h	Thebaud	Brit. str.	395	April 2	A. Mc G. Heaton	Manila	
Genoa	4 k	Corrigall	Brit. str.	1216	Mar. 25	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saigon	
Glamis Castle	4 k	Dickie	Brit. str.	1539	Mar. 29	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Halloong	5 h	Abbott	Brit. str.	277	Mar. 31	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Swatow and Tamsui	
Killarney	4 h	O'Neill	Brit. str.	1006	Mar. 25	Landstein & Co.		
Lord of the Isles	2 c	Cowie	Brit. str.	1846	Mar. 22	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	about 6th
Maharajah	5 c	Stephenson	Brit. str.	994	April 2	Siemssen & Co.	Saigon	
Malacca	4 k	Shallard	Brit. str.	1046	Mar. 28	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Yokohama	With Mails
Montgomeryshire	4 h	Sturrock	Brit. str.	1145	Mar. 29	H. Kier	Saigon	
Namoa	5 h	Westoby	Brit. str.	862	April 2	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Coast Ports	6th
Olympia	4 h	Nayel	Ger. str.	777	April 2	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Ningpo	5 c	Rayner	Brit. str.	701	April 2	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	
Normanby	4 c	Reddell	Brit. str.	694	Mar. 30	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	S'pore and Australia	6th, noon
Pawtuxet	4 k	.....	Amer. str.	280	June 18	Aug. Heard & Co.	.....	Laid up
Thirgalla	5 k	Mourier	Dan. str.	1677	April 2	Wm. Pustau & Co.	Saigon	
Venice	4 h	Watson	Brit. str.	1270	Mar. 29	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Yettung	2 h	.....	Brit. str.	324	June 9	Kwok Acheong	.....	Repairing
Sailing Vessels								
Alden Besse	7 c	Noyes	Amer. bk.	842	Mar. 10	Rozario & Co.	Honolulu & S. F'co	
Anna Bella	6 c	Stephen	Brit. bk.	334	Mar. 31	Borneo Company		
Annie Gray	4 c	Moore	Brit. sh.	727	Mar. 9	Rozario & Co.	Vancouver's Island	
Bonito	3 c	Wasenberg	Ger. bk.	542	Mar. 30	Siemssen & Co.		
Bun Caa	2 h	Lango	Siam. bk.	340	Mar. 7	Chinese		
Charter Oak	4 c	Smith	Amer. sh.	903	Nov. 11	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Christina A. P.	8 h	Federico	Amer. sch.	175	Jan. 8	Order	.....	Repairing
Christine	4 k	Stehn	Ger. sch.	280	April 2	Eduard Schellhass & Co.		
Colombo	2 c	Houer	Brit. bk.	364	Feb. 8	Russell & Co.	Honolulu	
Edward James	4 c	Forbes	Amer. bk.	529	Mar. 16	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
Eleanor	3 k	Jobson	Brit. bk.	433	Mar. 23	H. Kier		
F. H. Drews	7 c	Vorsatz	Ger. bk.	630	Mar. 28	Wm. Pustau & Co.		
Fanny	8 c	Roursal	Fch. sh.	1138	Mar. 8	Landstein & Co.	Bangkok	
Formosa	4 c	Schweer	Ger. bk.	282	Mar. 22	Melchers & Co.	Tientsin	
Forward	3 c	Strachan	Brit. bk.	748	Mar. 8	Rozario & Co.	Vancouver's Island	
Franz	7 c	Hildebrandt	Brit. sch.	148	Dec. 18	Frazier & Co.	Formosa	
Garibaldi	4 h	Noyes	Amer. bk.	670	Dec. 17	Rozario & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	
James Vinicombe	.....	McPherson	Brit. sh.	638	Feb. 4	Borneo Company	Takao	Co'stan Dock
Jonathan Chase	6 k	Curtis	Amer. bk.	633	Mar. 20	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Lathley Rich	3 c	Lewis	Amer. sh.	1347	Feb. 21	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Margarite	7 h	Owens	Brit. sh.	864	Mar. 17	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Mary Whitridge	3 c	Outler	Amer. sh.	862	Mar. 16	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Memento	8 h	Ruwall	Brit. bk.	464	Mar. 10	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Bangkok	
Montego	4 k	Griffiths	Brit. bk.	316	Mar. 26	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Newchwang	
Nicolino	4 c	Ahlmann	Ger. bk.	320	Feb. 14	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Hamburg	
Nightingale	3 c	Palmer	Amer. sh.	722	Mar. 17	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Noemi	8 k	Aucan	Fch. bk.	347	Mar. 28	Carlowitz & Co.		
Northampton	7 h	Barclay	Brit. sh.	1161	Mar. 4	Adamson, Bell & Co.		
Notre Dame Auxiliatrice	2 h	Jagoret	Fch. bk.	730	Mar. 31	Captain		
Pallus	2 h	Ballehr	Ger. bk.	421	Mar. 26	Siemssen & Co.	Tientsin	
Samuel G. Reed	3 c	White	Amer. sh.	650	Dec. 18	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Portland (Oregon)	To-morrow
Shalimar	3 k	Cotter	Brit. sh.	1596	Mar. 30	Russell & Co.	San Francisco	
Sydenham	4 c	Bristow	Brit. sh.	1062	Feb. 26	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	San Francisco	
Union	4 c	Morlauchevarria	Span. sch.	162	Mar. 4	Remedios & Co.	Yloilo via Manila	
Villa de Rivadavia	4 c	Canus	Span. bg.	261	Mar. 17	Brandao & Co.	Mauila	
Wealthy Pendleton	2 c	Blanchard	Amer. bk.	889	Mar. 30	Captain		
Wm. Phillips	7 c	Holey	Amer. sch.	593	Mar. 10	Eduard Schellhass & Co.	Bangkok	
WHAMPOA								
Haze	.....	Wilkinson	Amer. sh.	654	Mar. 2	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	New York	
Ino	.....	Eannau	Ger. bk.	353	Mar. 15	Siemssen & Co.	Tientsin	
Irene	.....	Hanson	Ger. sch.	276	Mar. 28	Carlowitz & Co.	Tientsin	
Marion	.....	Howes	Amer. sch.	366	Mar. 24	Arnhold, Karberg & Co.	Tientsin	
CANTON								
Yangtze	.....	Schultze	Brit. str.	783	April 1	Siemssen & Co.	Shanghai	

Men-of-war in Hongkong Harbour.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor- age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.
Ariadne	6 c	German	corvette	1400	.....	.....	Mar. 14	Kühne
Ashuelot	6 h	American	corvette	1100	6	700	Mar. 31	E. O. Matthews
Audacious	6 h	British	ironclad (flag-ship)	6750	14	800	Feb. 27	Colomb
Flamer	4 k	British	aux. naval hospital	.....	.....	.....	.....	D. M. Insp. Gen. Morgan
Frolic	6 h	British	gun vessel	462	4	100	.....	C. E. Buckle
Hertha	7 c	German	corvette	2200	19	400	Mar. 31	Thurr
Kearsarge	6 c	American	corvette	638	6	500	Mar. 31	F. V. McNair
Kestrel	6 h	British	gun vessel	462	4	100	Mar. 15	C. B. Theobald
Meeanee	6 k	British	military hospital	2591	.....	.....	.....	Capt. Becker
Palos	6 c	American	gunboat	306	.....	.....	Mar. 28	W. R. Bridgeman
Thistle	6 h	British	gun vessel	464	.....	.....	Feb. 27	Francis Stirling
Victor Emanuel	6 h	British	Commodore's flag ship	3087	2	.....	.....	Commodore Farish
Vigilant	7 h	British	despatch vessel	650	2	250	Mar. 25	H. C. D. Ryder
At Canton								
Egeria	.....	British	steam alloop	727	4	120	Mar. 20	W. F. Castle

FOOCHOW SHIPPING IN PORT.

Mar. 26, 1876.

Chun Sheng	British steamer
*Douglas	for Hongkong
Fu Sheng	British steamer
Fayow	for Shanghai
Gastona	for Shanghai
Midco	British gunboat
Southern Queen	British barque
Vs. duck (Russ. cor.)	for Nagasaki

SHANGHAI SHIPPING IN HARBOUR.

Mar. 24, 1876.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.	
Aden	Chinese
Foo-Queen	American
Foochow	British
Formosa	British

Fyehow	American
Geelong	British
Genka Maru	Japanese
Glencarn	British
*Hankow	British
Honan	American
Hongly	French
Howsang	Chinese
Hupoh	American
*Sungpo	British
Patroclus	British
Plymouth Rock	American
Quang-se	British
Shingking	American
Szechuen	American
*Tahoran	British
Tunsin	British

* Since left port, or arrived at Hongkong.

MERCHANT SAILING VESSELS.

Adele	American schooner
Augusto Reimers	German schooner
Ceres	British barque
Ellen Browae	British barque
Freetrader	British schooner
Kronprindsessen	Danish barque
Madame Demorest	British barque
Titania	for New York
Uranus	Norw. brig
Windhover	British ship

MEN-OF-WAR.

*Ashuelot	American corvette
*Kearsarge	American corvette
La Clocheterie	French corvette
Monocacy	American corvette
Tennessee	American corvette
Thalia	British corvette
*Yantic	American gun vessel

the Company. The order for a new draft of boys as mentioned above tends to strengthen the belief that the latter is the true result of the negotiations.

A very daring robbery was perpetrated on the night of the 1st inst. in the house of a mandarin named Sun at Canton, who only vacated the Magistracy of Sun Hing district the other day. The haul was a very good one, as the burglars made away with property to the value of between four and five thousand dollars. The burglars were armed, and the magistrate's mother and a servant were wounded. When the Viceroy heard the report next morning, he went off on horseback to the scene of the robbery. He is said to have been very angry and to have threatened to dismiss all the officials concerned in the police of the locality. The Poon-yi Magistrate has since issued a proclamation, offering \$300 reward for the apprehension of the principal.

The Shanghai News states:—A Foochow correspondent writes that the C. M. S. N. Co. have retired from the line between that port and Hongkong, and Laprak & Co. have restored freights to their former point. The last C. M. S. steamer in port went away empty. The Yung-Ching and Fuyew have taken troops to Chinkiang it is true; but we have not heard that the opposition on the Coast line has been definitely abandoned. Owing to the pressure on their steamers caused by the opening of the Tientsin trade, the C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer was taken off the Foochow-Hongkong line; but this step, we have reason to believe, is but a temporary withdrawal. We note that the Yung-Ching arrived here this afternoon from Chinkiang direct, with a cargo of rice. This is a somewhat unusual route and speaks well for the rice market on South China.

We have the first issue of a new paper published at the Shanghai office. It is called the *Mingpao*, or "People's Paper," and is priced at 5 cash per copy. The distinctive feature about the paper is that it is in the common colloquial language, and that every assistance is given to the reader to help him to understand easily the contents. For instance, a blank is left at the end of each sentence, and names of men and places have both their distinctive marks in the shape of plain and dotted lines. Any Chinaman who has had two years schooling will be able to read and understand it, and the price being only 5 cash, it is thought that it will reach a class that the *Shingpao* has failed to do, viz. the artisans, laborers, and very small shopkeepers. It is to be issued every other day.—*News*.

The following telegrams are published in the *Daily Press* of this morning:—

London, March 30.—The Queen has arrived at Baden, attended by the Earl of Derby.

There is a suspension of fighting during the amnesty with Herzegovina.

There is a panic in the foreign funds owing to the Porte having postponed payment of the April coupons till July.

The House of Lords have read the Title Bill a second time. Lord Shaftesbury moves an address against the title of Empress.

The following Rice Cargoes are given in the exports tables from Saigon to Hongkong and China:—

For Hongkong:—March 12, *Feronia*, 24,000 piculs; 13, *Braemar Castle*, 46,000 piculs; 14, *Pernambuco*, 21,000 piculs; 14, *Penedo*, 20,500 piculs; 17, *Riga*, 24,500 piculs; 17, *Asia*, 20,000 piculs; 18, *Altona*, 36,500 piculs; 19, *Norden*, 21,500 piculs; 20, *Gemac*, 33,150 piculs; 20, *Killarney*, 31,000 piculs; 22, *Glanis Castle*, 48,000 piculs; 23, *Montgomeryshire*, 34,000 piculs; 24, *Venice*, 36,500 piculs.

For Swatow:—March 12, *Etepona*, 17,500 piculs; 25, *Mistery*, 9,400 piculs.

For Amoy:—March 18, *Cito*, 5,000 piculs.

Shipping in Port on March 27:—*Arratoon*, *Apar*, *Madagayor*, *Pardo*, *Maharajah*, *Thingalla*, and *Choopa*, for Hongkong; *Norma*, for Swatow. Repairing: *Madagayor*, and *Deux Freres*.

Vessels expected from Hongkong, *Lord of the Isles*, *Ernambo*, *Penedo*, *Riga*, *Montgomeryshire*, *Asia* and *Feronia*; from Shanghai, *Hankow*; from Amoy, *Clens*.

At the Shanghai Mixed Court on the 28th ultimo, a native letter carrier employed at the Local Post Office, was charged with having obtained two separate sums of money as postage for letters upon which no charge was to be collected by the carrier. The letters were despatched from the Custom House, for delivery to persons at the Temperance Hall. On ordinary letters, the amount of postage to be charged is stated in Chinese characters, but there being no charge written on the letters in question, the prisoner knew he was not to demand postage. He, however, did so, and received the several amounts. Enquiry followed, which led to the discovery of the prisoner's delinquency. The prisoner was sentenced to a week's cage, and to be dismissed from his situation.

The Government Gazette of Saturday contains the following announcements:—Information has been received through Her Britannic Majesty's Minister at Peking that the port of Kiangchow, Hainan, is opened for trade from the 1st instant. Her Majesty has been pleased to approve and confirm the Ordinance (No. 16 of 1875) to amend and consolidate the laws concerning the jurisdiction of magistrates over indictable offences, and for other purposes. All persons are prohibited from collecting dried wood on Crown lands in this Colony. All persons having unlawful possession of any part of any shrub or tree, or who shall cut, break, bark, root up, or otherwise destroy or damage any shrub or tree, are liable to a heavy punishment. On the 7th and 8th April, being the days appointed for the Garrison Athletic Sports, no person

will be admitted within the outer line of ropes on the Cricket Ground, unless he is a patron, a member of the Committee, a competitor, or attached to the piqueet.

The *Cooktown Courier* of March 8th states that the *Normanby* had then on freight a quantity of preserved and salted meats for consumption in the East. On the 7th the arrival of the *City of Exeter* is reported; and we give her report:—

Left Hongkong Feb. 10th, with light variable winds, which continued until the 1st March, when the vessel reached Torres Straits. The next day brought up off Albany Island, and remained until the next morning, when the anchor was weighed, and the vessel steamed onwards and anchored again on the evening of the 3rd. On the 4th, got up steam at 8 a.m., and at 7.30 struck on E. Reef, the weather having, fortunately, moderated to a light breeze, with little or no sea. Remained on the reef until 4.45 a.m. on the 5th, when the tide being suitable, the ship was edged off, with the judicious assistance of the engines and steam winches. Finding no damage had been done the ship's head was again turned southwards, but in consequence of heavy rain and thick weather, accompanied by a very severe storm of thunder and lightning, the Capt. was compelled to bring up at 4 p.m., about 25 miles to the Northward of Cape Melville. Got under weigh again at 6 o'clock on Monday morning, 6th inst., and arrived at Cooktown at 4.15 yesterday afternoon. Experienced light variable winds and fine weather to Torres Straits, and from thence strong head winds, and thick weather with heavy rains for the rest of the passage.

Police Intelligence.

(Before the Hon. C. May.)

3rd April, 1876.

BREACH OF CONTRACT.

Lum Tak Wing, the Government night-soil contractor, was summoned by Inspector McKinney for not providing the proper size of boats, for not having boats at some of the wharves, and for allowing rubbish to be raked in certain boats. The Inspector having detailed the different breaches of the contract the defendant had with the Government, the magistrate fined the defendant \$50.

BAD GOING.

Wong Akow, a cook, was charged with offering for sale a few counterfeit ten-cent pieces. He offered them to a chair-coolie, but while they were bargaining about the price, a Chinese Constable who was on special duty in plain clothes overheard the conversation and took the defendant into custody. The sheriff at the Police Court proved that the coins produced were half-pieces of the Straits Settlements silvered over with quicksilver. Two months' hard labour.

DISORDERLY.

Theodore Tuber, seaman on board the German man-of-war *Hertha*, was charged with assaulting a Chinese constable. He, however, No. 150, was on duty at D'Aguilar Street at 12.30 a.m. to-day. The defendant came along with two companions, and without saying anything pushed him down on the ground. He got up again, but one of the defendant's companions knocked him down again. He blew his whistle, and three constables, one European, one Sikh and one Chinese, came to his help and arrested the defendant. The defendant said he had been drinking too much and jostled against a Chinaman. The complainant interfered and took hold of him by the arm. Being in pain, he pushed him. This was, however, denied by the constable. Lieut. Rutledge, of the *Hertha*, stated that he was authorised by the Commander to state that the defendant bore a good character. Fined \$4. Mr L. Hauschild acted as interpreter.

ROBBERY.

A rice pounder and a shopman were charged with robbing Wong Acheong, a head coolie, of 80 taels, 5 mace and 9 candareens. The complainant was paid this money by the Fook Mow Loong Hong, and while he was making up his accounts in the coolie house, the first defendant came and said to him that he was wanted at the Fook Mow Loong Hong. The complainant thereupon went, leaving the money locked up in the box. He found that the message was false, and that his box had been broken open and the money stolen. Enquiries were made and a fellow-lodger traced the first prisoner to a house in Yow-mah-tee. The second defendant was in his company. When a policeman came, the defendants were asked where the money was. The 1st defendant thereupon handed him a mat bag which contained broken silver, while the second prisoner gave up a roll of banknotes. The defendants were committed for trial.

DISORDERLY CHAIR COOLIES.

Two chair-coolies, of licensed chair No. 555, were charged with attempting to steal from the person of a marine named Beet, belonging to H. M. S. *Victor Emmanuel*. The marine was drunk and was going up East Street, followed by the defendants. The first was observed by a lokong, out of uniform, named Pang Aloi, to feel the marine's pocket and to take hold of his medal with intent to steal the same. The second was the coolie behind, and could not perhaps see what the first did. Mr May sent the first to six months' hard labour. The second was discharged. The license was forwarded to the Registrar General, with the depositions, for his consideration.

ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE.

The woman who attempted to commit suicide by hanging to a tree at "Green-mountain" was again brought up. Her husband proved that the defendant had been out of her mind for the last three years. The magistrate therefore handed her over to her husband. The woman who saved the defendant and behaved so kindly to her, was complimented by Mr Russell, and was awarded \$1 out of the Poor Box.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ANTIQUITY OF MAN.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Oanton, 1st April, 1876.
Sir,—An address read by the Reverend R. Caldwell, D.D., M.D., in Tientsin, on the 7th and 8th April, being the days appointed for the Garrison Athletic Sports, no person

The European Missionaries connected with the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and the Church Missionary Society, the two Missionary Societies of the Church of England labouring in Tientsin, the native clergy, catechists, and schoolmasters, and the representatives of the native Christian laity, together with the two Missions, together with the teachers and pupils in the various educational institutions and boarding-schools, &c., &c. And the following sentence occurs in the course of this address:—

"Native Christianity has not yet unlearned all the evil conversation received by tradition from a hundred generations, perhaps a thousand, of preceding heathenism."

"A thousand generations" means at least 20,000 years, if not 30,000. Educated men living in India and China naturally take an interest in the antiquity of these nations, and have specially favourable opportunities of investigating the evidence which may exist of a higher antiquity of man than the old Chronologies allowed. For my own part, I am quite willing to accept the phrase "perhaps a thousand," or "perhaps ten thousand" for that matter; but what does it mean, in an Address carefully prepared by orthodox Christians, who are D.D.s and LL.D.s. Are these men utterly incredulous of the subject? This is scarcely credible. Or, on the other hand, are they so advanced, as to leave the whole subject of Bible Chronology an open question, in their Christian Mission? This would be an interesting fact. And it would be still more interesting to have a judiciously prepared digest of the grounds which they find in Tientsin for inserting the clause "perhaps a thousand."

JOHN CHALMERS.

China.

(News.)

Our Peking correspondent says there is no local news of importance; and nothing fresh from Yunnan. Rumours are afloat of an insurgent movement in Kwangsi, which, if the facts are as stated, is likely to lead to trouble in that quarter.

We understand that the loan, with reference to which agents of the Governor-General Tso Tung-tang have lately been negotiating here, has not yet received the definite sanction of the Imperial Government. The Governor-General, who estimates the outlay required for the purposes of his impending campaign at 50,000,000 Taels, has obtained permission to institute enquiries with reference to the possibility of raising a portion of this amount on advantageous terms; but it is stated, on what ought to be good authority, that no decree giving sanction to the contracting of a loan has yet been issued. That Tso is in urgent want of funds, is an absolute certainty. His Lieutenant, Kin Shun, the commander-in-chief of the army, which had advanced to some distance west of the Kia-Yü Pass, and which is in cantonments about Guohien (Kuei-heng) and Barkoul, has lately memorialised representing a fearful amount of loss among the camels upon which alone he relies for the transport of supplies; and private reports give a deplorable account of the state of his force.

On Sunday night, through the influence of drink, three seamen lost their lives by drowning in the Hwangpoo. They were John Chivers, a fireman, and Edward Turnbull, storekeeper, of the steamer *Quang-se*; and John Quin, fireman, of the steamer *Patrolos*; while a fourth man, a seaman, of the U. S. frigate *Tennessee*, is also reported missing, and is believed to have shared the same fate. Chivers had been visiting some acquaintances on board the *Gleaner*, and while, as the condition he was in described, "stupidly drunk" got over the bulwark of the vessel, not noticing there was a space of four feet between it and the wharf, and fell upon the roof of a sampan, bounding off which into the river, the tide quickly swept him out of reach of aid. His shipmate, Turnbull, had been ashore, but returned to the ship to obtain more money to spend, which was properly refused him. He, however, went on shore again, got more drink, and trying to return to his ship at night, fell off the unprotected wharf into the river, and was speedily drowned. In the third case, that of Quin, he and two shipmates, all miserably drunk, got into a sampan together, by a wonder reaching the ship's side in safety. Quin's two companions were so drunk that they were obliged to be carried bodily up the accommodation ladder. Before the same assistance could be rendered Quin, he tried to get on his legs in the sampan, but failing to steady himself, pitched headlong into the river, and was instantly hurried to destruction. Nothing is known of the seaman of the *Tennessee*, but it is said a man from that ship was seen in the neighbourhood of the wharves the same night, in a drunken state, and nothing further heard of him. None of the bodies had been found up to last night. Preliminary enquiries were held before R. A. Mowat, Esq., into the circumstances attending these deaths.

SEZCHUEN.

In the town of Kiang-pei-ting, opposite Chungking, the Christians have been beaten and robbed seven or eight times. A fortnight ago, another onslaught was made, houses were demolished, &c. It is said the mandarins surreptitiously excite these crimes, and his conduct hardly leaves room for doubt. As I write, I am told that in this town itself the people are crying out to attack the church, under the pretence that a Christian pig-butcher refuses to contribute to supply the victims who have to be offered to Confucius.

YUNNAN.

The correspondent to whom we are indebted for the information we published Monday, regarding the Yunnan Mission, gives the following probable explanation of the rumours of "trouble" which were afloat here some weeks ago:—"A letter of the 1st February from Tai-foo says fighting is going on not far from that city. A tribe of natives called Cha-ster-mbers tolerated by custom, are levying on the population an arbitrary impost called *tsou-leang*. This tribe, which like the Mautes of Lengchow, lives on a mountain between Tien-chwang, Lo Kong and Kolin, alleging some grievance against the mandarins of Tien-chwang, seized, burned, and pillaged the prefecture, and carried away the magistrate captive. The famous Yang In-ku is requested to go and punish them. He did not, however, his friend Tsang Tz-jen, the

murderer of Mr Margary, is of the same race as the rebels; and every one feared the connivance of the military mandarins, who are all natives (aborigines), and abhor the Chinese as much as they do Europeans. At length it was decided to go and release Tsang himself, and drive away the Cha-ster; Tsang himself came on the scene, and the affair is now almost over. All the military walls are encamped on the plain of Tien-chwang, a day's march from here.

"It is said publicly that the Commissioners wish to get hold of Tsang; but his superior, Yang, who will not give him up, has recalled him from Tien-yueh-chow (Moinin), and replaced him by Tran (Mojin), of the same oblique. Gossip also says they wished to kill the savages (who were brought in, accused of being concerned in Margary's murder), but who are really innocent; but the Christians who accompany the Commissioners would not consent, and insist on having Tsang. General Yang is willing to give Tl. 100 if necessary, but will not give up his friend."

NEWCAWANG.

Messrs. Bush Bros. write, on the 1st March:—The only sales we have to report are small parcels of *Grey Shirtings*, 84-lbs. (Man chop) at Tl. 1.87, and *English Drills*, 15-lbs., at Tl. 2.80 a Tl. 2.75. *Malwa*—The quotation is nominally Tl. 600, with quicker delivery. *Esports*—*Beancake*, Tl. 3.60 per 100 pieces; *Pean*, Tl. 2.80 per 300 cattie; *Oil*, Tl. 1.15; *180,000 piculs*; *Peas*, 1,200,000 piculs; *Oil*, 330,000 piculs; *Sundries*, 100,000; daily increasing. The weather remains cold, and the river which is still hard and fast, is not likely to be safe for shipping before 25th inst.

THE WOOSUNG TRAMWAY.

The works of the Woosung tramway, as the road approaches completion, have fairly aroused the curiosity of Chinese of all classes. During the past week, and especially since Sunday, they have each day flocked literally in thousands, not only from the Settlements and native city, but also from the villages and districts for miles around, along its whole length. The streams of visitors are incessant from morning till night, and hundreds of jinrikhas, wheelbarrows, and other vehicles, all occupied, through the route to and fro. Yesterday afternoon (March 29), for instance, the road was almost impassable, so great was the crush; and with laudable enterprise, many proprietors of rick, cabs, and ordinary food stands, and even of peep-shows, took up positions on the outskirts of the crowd, and appeared to be doing a thriving trade. The visitors comprised men, women, and children (the latter in large numbers), and all seemed anxious to see and understand what the foreigners were doing. The great centre of attraction was the little "Pioneer," now engaged in running trucks of pebble ballast for the purpose of filling in the interstices of the sleepers; and wherever the engine came to a stop, it was instantly surrounded by dense crowds, who gazed at it with wonder, whose nearest examining every part of its visible machinery with attention, and talking and gesticulating with an earnestness that must be seen to be believed; strongly reminding one of the excitement evinced, by the country people especially, during the early days of railway construction in England. Preparatory to starting on its brief journey, the Pioneer's whistle was of course sounded, and it was amusing to witness the crowd hurrying off in all directions, amid shouts of laughter and other tokens of unmistakable delight and approval to make way for it. It may credibly be asserted that such a sight has never been witnessed in China before; and it affords clear proof that, so far as the people are concerned, there would be no obstacle to the general adoption of this mode of transit throughout the Empire.—*News*.

WRECK OF THE BARQUE "ANNIE MABEL."—Shortly after daybreak yesterday morning (30th ult.) a small gig with six of the crew of the *Annie Mabel* (Captain Ponting) 270 tons, belonging to Messrs. Morris and Co. of Shanghai, entered the river, with the intelligence that at a quarter past nine o'clock on Sunday night, the barque struck a sunken rock a few miles South-west of the North Saddles, and sank almost immediately, allowing only sufficient time for the crew to take to the boats. She left Newcastle, New South Wales, with coal on the 6th of February, and at the time she struck the rock, a fresh breeze was blowing, but there was no fog, and little sea running. The long-boat and gig were lowered, and left the vessel with all hands a short time before she disappeared beneath the waves. The long-boat was occupied by the Captain, his wife, the serang's wife and her three children, and six Malay seamen; while the gig was under the charge of John Laurence, chief officer, who had with him the serang and four Malay seamen. The two boats kept together until Monday evening at seven o'clock, when Laurence told Captain Ponting that it was his intention to make for land. The boats then appear to have parted company, and Laurence states that about three o'clock the following morning, he sighted land, but was unable to reach it on account of the heavy sea. It was his intention to have gone ashore and light a fire to attract assistance. While attempting to make the land, he (Laurence) saw a junk in the distance, and with difficulty managed to row to it, and he and his exhausted companions were taken on board by the Chinese, who allowed them to partake of their rice and other kinds of food they had in the junk. Laurence states that they had not time to provision the boats before the ship sank, and therefore the hospitality of the Chinese was most acceptable. Laurence and the Malay seamen again took to the gig, and as above stated reached Shanghai on the morning of the 30th. The seamen were taken to the Sallores' Home, and Laurence after communicating with the owners of the barque, reported himself at the English Consulate where, later in the day, he made a statement before Mr W. Handyside Tepp, the Registrar of Shipping.

COURTS OF INQUIRY.

These are important tribunals, and they are exercising a very wholesome influence on the merchant service; but the assessors should be carefully chosen, not appointed by influence, but because they are experienced, calm-thinking, calm-judging men. Above all, they should be chosen from the merchant service, and not from officers of the Royal Navy. It may be a prejudice, but we know it exists widely in the merchant service, that Royal Naval officers cannot understand the working or handling of a merchant ship, or even the appliances on board, as they have never been acquainted with or come in contact with them. These courts of inquiry are frequented by an audience composed of officers and sailors, all desirous of listening to the evidence in cases involving the character and certificates of their fellows. We have seen in a court so attended what reporters call a "sensational" produced, even a loud laugh, by the questions of gallant naval officers, who by them proved that he did not understand the *modus operandi* on board of a merchant ship.—*Nautical Magazine*.

JAPAN.

The *Gazette* translates a paragraph published in the *Echo du Japon*, to the effect that in a very short time the Messageries Maritimes Company will transfer its headquarters at this end to Yokohama. The itinerary will be the same; only the large vessels will stop at Woosung, whence the remainder of the trip to Shanghai is often very difficult. From Woosung, where in future goods destined for Shanghai will be unloaded, a railway, already commenced, will be laid to the latter town. After the debarkation of goods for that port, the vessels will go on to Yokohama. As for the service of the Inland Sea, it will be carried on by the dependant vessels, which are now plying between Hongkong and Yokohama, but as far as Nagasaki only, where stores of coal and many other things will be collected. The *Gazette* adds that the appointment of Mr. Conill as general agent, stamps the announcement with the character of authenticity, and opines that the innovation will prove a serious rivalry to the Mitsui Bishi Company.

The German Frigate *Hertha*, it is stated, was ordered to proceed forthwith to China, to meet the German squadron which is on its way out to demand satisfaction from the Chinese Government, in re the murder of the Captain and Crew of the *Anna*.

H. M. S. *Sylvia* left on the 13th, on a cruise via Kobe and Nagasaki, to survey the Goto Islands.—The *Herald* however, places quite a different construction on the *Sylvia*'s trip. It says, "H. M. S. *Sylvia* has received orders per telegraph, to proceed to Corea, to demand satisfaction for the firing upon her boat some time since. She will leave this on Tuesday next." It will be remembered that about the same time that the Japanese gunboat was fired upon, the *Coreana* also attacked the boats of H. M. S. *Sylvia*, which were surveying. On the 11th and 12th instant, and again on the 14th, Yokohama was visited by heavy gales, on the last named day approaching in character a typhoon. On Monday, the 13th, at midnight, the barometer stood at 29.80, and at 2 a.m. the gale burst from the S.W., and blew until nearly noon on the same day. Scarcely a house in the Settlement or a fence on the Bund but sustained damage, while in Tokio a large number of native houses were blown down. In the Bay the wind blew in a succession of heavy squalls, in one of which the British barque *Mary Jane*, owned by Messrs. E. O. Kirby & Co., was capsized. One man only was on board and he remained clinging to the rigging of the vessel, which was then awash, but was gallantly rescued by Messrs. Center and Mills, of the P.M.S.S. Co., who, with nine Japanese, manned a whaleboat, and at great risk pulled to the wreck, and took the man off.

SINGAPORE.—The great news of the fortnight, the importance of which cannot be overestimated, is the capture of the Datu Sagor of Perak and of Sultan or rather ex-Sultan Ismail. The Datu Sagor is one of the eight chiefs who rank after the first four nobles of the Perak Court. He lived opposite Blanja, Ismail's village, on the Perak river. He signed the Pangkor Treaty, and yet, it is said, there is evidence that he was present at and sanctioned Mr Birch's murder, and aided the Maharajah Lela in the two fights at Passir Salah. News of his capture, and that he was in safe custody at Banda Bahru, was received here on the 18th instant, but no particulars of the manner, and there are conflicting accounts by whom it was made, one account being that Syed Masahore of Salangore notoriously effected it, and another that he was seized by Sultan Abdullah himself.—*Straits Times*.

SHARERS.—Hongkong Bank, par. I. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$502 1/2. China Fire Ins. Co., \$150. Victoria Fire Ins. Co., \$70. H. K. & W. Doak Co., \$5 1/2. China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1600. Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$650. Chinese Insurance Co., \$205. North China Ins. Co., Tl. 850. O. & J. Marine Ins. Co., Tl. 58. Yangtze Ins. Association, Tl. 635. H. K. O. & M. S. Boat Co., 7 dls. Union S. Navigation Co., Tl. 72. Shanghai Steam N. Co., Tl. 72. Hongkong Hotel Co., \$52 1/2. Chinese Imperial Loan, \$106.

TEMPERATURE.

HONGKONG, April 3, 1876.

(Taken at Messrs. Falconer & Co.'s Premises, Queen's Road.)

Thermometer—9 a.m., 65. Do. 4 p.m., 64. Do. Maximum, 65. Do. Minimum, over night, 60. Barometer—9 a.m., 30.150. Do. 4 p.m., 30.084.

Shipping Intelligence.

HOME SHIPPING.

The following is taken from the latest London Papers:—

DEPARTURES.

Jan. 6, Annie Broughton, from New York to Shanghai.
Jan. 8, Ottercap, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 6, Lyoka Till, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 10, Echo, from London to Hongkong.
Jan. 11, Tildan, from Penarth to Hongkong.
Jan. 13, Antipodes, from Cardiff to Hongkong.

Jan. 17, Alex. McNeil, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 17, Onward, from Liverpool to Hongkong.
Jan. 19, Sophie, from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Jan. 20, Forward Ho, from London to Yokohama, &c.

Jan. 22, Flutibate (str.), from London to Penang, &c.
Jan. 24, Victoria (str.), from Liverpool to Manila.
Jan. 31, Lord Macaulay, from Newport to Hongkong.

Feb. 1, Nearchus (str.), from Cardiff to Hongkong.
Feb. 2, Evelyn, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 4, Undine, from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 6, Paul Marie, from London to Shanghai.

Feb. 6, Scotia, from London to Hongkong.
Feb. 8, Orphis (str.), from London to China and Japan.
Feb. 8, Kalkow, from London to Hongkong.

Feb. 17, Glenartney (str.), from London to Shanghai.
Feb. 17, Agamemnon (str.), from Liverpool to Shanghai.

Feb. 17, Naples (str.), from London to China.

LOADING FOR CHINA AND JAPAN FROM LONDON.—Steamers via Suez Canal. Sumatra. Loros. Rualia. Galley of Loros. Viking. Glenlyon. Flute Castle.

The unusual activity in the market before a fast-day is due to the fact that the people prepare for their abstinence by a hearty meal, taken just before the signal-gun is fired to mark the beginning of the sacred hours, and then, at the gun marking the close of the fast, they feast again on the most sumptuous viands at their command.

The interval, that is, the fasting time, is usually spent in sleep! This practical evasion of the purpose of the day would seem to justify the remark often made, that the difference between some people's fasts is only the difference of one letter.

We sometimes think that the Fourth of July is the noisiest day in the world, but

the grown-up children of the East are quite as fond of a racket as any boys I know of. On the night before a fast, such a crash of kettle drums, tambourines and small explosions as there is! If only the children were engaged in it, there would be some hope of controlling the din, at least of confining it to certain localities. But grave men join in noisy processions, in beating everything that is hollow and will give forth a sound. The Jews celebrate their New Year about the last of September, by the loud blowing of horns in the synagogues, in accordance with the command in Lev. 23:24. But this I will say, that both they and the Arabs also do not begin their celebrations until the hour strikes, and when the day is over they stop short and finally.

One of the pleasant customs sometimes practiced on holidays, is the scattering of small coins to be scrambled for by the poor. This is done by the command of some rich man by his steward, and the intention is a kind one, although often in practice it leads to heart-burnings and abuse. Not unfrequently it is the beginning of a long year's quarrel. This scattering of coins is used on another occasion, namely the buying of a piece of land, when it is designed to protect the buyer against any attempt to get back the property. If the price is one hundred pieces of silver, and the money has been paid over, the buyer will then scatter a quantity of small coins on the ground, which the witness (chance-comers, who see that a bargain is going forward), will scramble for. This additional sum, although the seller disdains to touch it, is supposed to be a part of the price, but as it is uncounted, he can never claim back the land by offering the price, as he might do, according to Arab custom. He has put it out of his power to state what the exact price was.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, April 3, 1876.

Opium.—New Patna, cash, 615. " " credit, 620. " " Old Patna, cash, 585. " " credit, 590. " " New Benares, cash, 585. " " credit, 590. " " Old Benares, cash, 585. " " credit, 590. " " New Malwa, cash, 580. " " credit, 585. " " Allowance Tael, 20 & 48. " " Old Malwa, cash, 585. " " credit, 590. " " Allowance Tael, 16 & 32.

CAMPHOR.

QUICKSILVER, ... 14 & 15.

SALT-PETRE, ... 42 & 54.

Exchange.

Bank, 6 months' sight, ... 3/10. Credit, 6 months' sight, ... 3/10. On Calcutta, Bank demand, ... R. 231. " Bombay demand, ... R. 231. " Shanghai demand, ... 72 1/2. " Shanghai, 30 days' sight, ... 72

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